which due margin has been allowed for the effects of war on large scale trade and big industries. The receipts in the current year under Currency and Mint are special, due to fresh coinage of silver and no receipts are therefore expected next year. The decrease of revenue anticipated under Buildings, Communications and Miscellaneous Public Improvements is mostly under Tolls on roads and bridges mainly due to limited motor traffic on account of the rationing of petrol. On the other side, the betterment of revenue expected under Electrical schemes is accounted for by the fact that the Aluminium Factory which is expected to start work soon and the Government of Cochin will both come in for their full load of energy early next year. Under Water Supply and Drainage schemes, the anticipated increase represents the increased contribution payable by the Municipal Corporation of Trivandrum. The expected increase of net-receipts from the State Transport Scheme is mainly the result of the reduction in operating expenses. A slight increase of revenue is also anticipated from the Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory due to expectations of larger production.

20. Turning to the expenditure side, the programme of expenditure during the next year covers a budget provision of Rs. 285·13 lakhs, which is Rs. 8·04 lakhs in excess of the Revised Estimates for the current year. This small increase, honourable members will readily concede, is invitable in order to maintain the steady development of a progressive administration and is also due to the increase in prices all round. The programme of expenditure for the various departments has been carefully scrutinised by the Government as well as the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislature and in fixing the allotments the essential requirements of an efficient administration on the one hand and on the other, the need for the due exercise of economy especially at the present time, have both been kept in view, side by side. I shall now proceed to make a brief survey of the more important aspects of the next year's programme of expenditure.

21. *Forests.* The Department is proposed to be reorganised with a view to tapping new sources of revenue and to effect economy in the present administration without prejudicially affecting efficiency. A territorial redistribution of jurisdiction aiming at the reduction of the existing number of Forest divisions is also in contemplation. This accounts for the small reduction in next year's expenditure on this department, as compared with the Revised Estimates of expenditure for the current year.

22. *Public Service Department.* The Public Service Department, which was organised in 1110 had been functioning all these years only on a temporary basis. The work of the department having been carefully reviewed, the Government are satisfied of the continued usefulness of the department and it is therefore proposed to make the department permanent from 1st Chingom 1118.

23. *Education.* As usual, a liberal provision has been made for expenditure on Education. While on the Education budget, I may

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perhaps refer to a recent activity of the Research Department of the Travancore University. To overcome the increasing difficulty experienced in getting Formic acid and Acetic acid which were formerly imported and used as coagulants in the production of rubber in the estates, Sulpholex, an ersatz material prepared according to the formula developed by the Central Research Institute has been marketed by the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals Ltd. This has supplied a vital necessity without which the Rubber Industry may have suffered serious lost. The Research Department of the University has been very efficiently continuing its other activities also.

24. *Industries.* In order to meet enquiries relating to machines and equipments for small scale industries and also to assist in the growth and development of many new industries in the State, especially those of small scale as also advanced cottage industries, it is proposed to open an industrial machinery show-room. Various engineering firms and inventors of labour saving devices for cottage and other industries will be invited to display specimens of their machinery in that show-room.

25. *Agriculture.* As the most vital need of the country at the present moment is the increased production of food-stuffs, the department has organised in co-operation with the Public Works and the Electrical departments a vigorous campaign for the extension of the area under cultivation of different food crops, the extension of punja cultivation and the application of scientific manures to the areas already brought under the plough to secure larger yields. Sixteen manure depots have been opened in different centres for the sale of suitable manure mixtures for paddy and tapioca to ryots on the security of their crops.

26. *Medical.* The Medical department is at present the only major department of the State which is completely centralized in its administration with no District officers for any intermediate supervision or control. Provision has therefore been made in the next year's budget for a scheme for the better and more efficient administration of the department on a decentralised basis by the appointment of a few District Officers. There is also a liberal provision in the Budget for the opening of new dispensaries to cater to the needs of the labouring classes at Kallar and Kalaketty and for providing better amenities in the existing medical institutions, such as the construction of up-to-date Sanitary arrangements in the Sachivottama Sir C.-P. Ramaswami Aiyar Memorial Ward attached to the District Hospital, Quilon, and purchase of equipments for the new block of the Ophthalmic Hospital at Trivandrum.

27. *Public Health.* The House may not be unware that the maternity and child welfare service started in ten rural centres in 1113 as an experimental measure in the first instance having proved itself very useful to the public was made a permanent arrangement

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